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SUBJECT: POLEMIC CONTINUES OVER RIGHT-WING INVOLVEMENT IN
ATOCHA SLAYINGS

REF: MADRID 1913

1. WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES MAINTAINING THE LINE THAT THE
POLITICAL TIES AND POSSIBLE POLITICAL MOTIVATION OF THOSE
GUILTY OF THE SHOOTINGS IN THE LABOR-LAWYERS' OFFICE ON
ATOCHA STREET REMAIN TO BE (AND WILL BE) INVESTIGATED, THE
PRESS HERE HAS HEAVILY REPORTED INFORMATION LINKING VARIOUS
OF THOSE ARRESTED TO FUERZA NUEVA, THE EXTREME-RIGHT
ORGANIZATION HEADED BY NOTARY (AND FRANCO-APPOINTED CORTES
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MEMBER) BLAS PINAR.

2. PINAR HIMSELF WENT TO DIRECCION GENERAL DE SEGURIDAD (DGS)
HEADQUARTERS, AT HIS OWN INSTANCE, ACCORDING TO A FN
SPOKESMAN, TO DISCUSS ALLEGATIONS THAT SOME OF THOSE
ARRESTED BELONGED TO FN. WHILE PINAR SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED
SUCH ASSERTIONS "DEFAMATION", SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING

THE CONSERVATIVE ABC, PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING CARLOS GARCIA JULIA, ONE OF THE ACCUSED GUNMEN, STANDING NEXT TO PINAR IN A FN MEETING. OTHER PHOTOS SHOWED TWO OF THE OTHERS ARRESTED AT A FALANGE MEETING. THE POLICE WERE THE SOURCE OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE OTHER ACCUSED GUNMAN AS A FORMER FN MEMBER, AND OF ONE OF THOSE PORTRAYED AT THE FALANGE MEETING AS STILL A MEMBER OF FN. SUBSEQUENTLY, PINAR WAS QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT GARCIA JULIA HAD BEEN A FN MEMBER BUT LEFT THE ORGANIZATION A YEAR AGO.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED WORKERS' COMMISSIONS, BARRED FROM HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT, ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE CALLING THE SHOOTINGS "ANOTHER ELEMENT IN THE 'ULTRA' PLOT TO IMPEDE THE PROCESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY", A VIEW ALSO HELD IN LESS COMMITTED CIRCLES: THE DEAN OF THE MADRID LAWYERS' COLLEGE (PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION) WAS QUOTED AS DECLARING "IMPROBABLE" THE IDEA THAT THE SHOOTINGS WERE MERELY A "SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS".

4. AFTER CALLING EDITORIALY FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND "UNVEILING" OF THE FULL POLITICAL BACKGROUND, DIARIO 16 RAN A COLUMN ON ITS EDITORIAL PAGE SARCASTICALLY CONTRASTING PINAR'S LONG-STANDING ASSERTIONS OF PEACEFUL BENT WITH THE NUMBER OF GUNSLINGERS REVEALED TO HAVE BEEN AROUND HIM. WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF BAD COMPANY AND WONDERING AT THE SOURCE AND NATURE OF PINAR'S APPARENT MAGNETISM, THE COLUMN CONCLUDES THAT "GIVEN THE PECULIAR IDEA THE NOTARY HAS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY, PERHAPS IT IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF ACTIVITY TO REDEEM THE WAYWARD. EATON
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